



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! This week our office hosted a Regional Meeting for the Corporation for National and Community Service. The purpose of the meeting was to review the new rules established by the Corporation for all AmeriCorps funded programs. Additionally, "Conversations with OFBCI" were held in Indianapolis, Greenfield, and Lebanon. Thursday and Friday, 160 AmeriCorps members participated in service activities, training classes, and other activities associated with their Opening Ceremony. The Opening Ceremony held at the Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School marked the beginning of the service year. Members came from all over the state to learn from each other about the importance of service.

Now at the end of the week the staff is exhausted but thrilled with what we have learned this week about the strong commitment to service in our state. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to serve you and other Hoosiers. Thank you for this fulfilling experience!!!

Conversations with OFBCI

October 25 2005, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Carnegie Library, Muncie, Indiana
October 25, 2005, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Gas City-City Hall, Gas City, Indiana

Lafayette Nonprofit Training Series: ***(November Classes)***

Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing (2 Part Series)

Come with an idea; leave with a grant proposal! On day one (Nov. 1st) you will arrive with a project or idea you want to fund, and then learn a step-by-step process for developing your ideas into fundable proposals. You will complete a proposal outline before the day's end. After you leave, you will expand that proposal outline using the Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing manual (provided) and write a proposal draft to bring to the next session.

On day two (Nov. 15th) you will return with your draft proposals and move into the role of reviewer. Feedback and guided revisions will identify proposal strengths and weaknesses, and prepare you for a final submission!

\$99 (includes 2 days of instruction and lunches)
Tuesday, Nov. 1st & Tuesday, Nov. 15th
9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Ivy Tech State College—Lilly room 1106
3101 S. Creasy Lane, Lafayette

Visit WWW.OFBCI.IN.GOV
For information about the AmeriCorps RFP!!!

Spirit & Place NOVEMBER 4–20, 2005
MOVING & STAYING

Spirit & Place is Central Indiana's annual civic festival of the arts, humanities, and religion, managed by The Polis Center, an operating unit of the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI. The festival is a collaboration of dozens of partner organizations in Central Indiana: congregations, arts groups, universities, museums, and civic groups.

THE 2005 CONVERSATIONALISTS:



• **Wendell Berry**

American poet, conservationist, and one of America's leading writers. Author of more than thirty books of poetry, essays, and novels.



• **Rabbi Lawrence Kushner**

lecturer, teacher, storyteller and humorist, familiar to millions of listeners through his contributions to *All Things*. Considered on NPR. Regarded as one of the most creative religion writers in America today.



• **A'Lelia Bundles**

former Indianapolis resident award winning journalist, director of talent development for ABC News, and great-great granddaughter of Madam C.J. Walker, the famous African American entrepreneur.

Sunday, Nov. 6 • 3 p.m.–5 p.m.
 Clowes Hall

Free tickets available starting
 Sept. 16 at the Clowes Hall box office

Roundtable 2005 Annual Conference:
From the White House to the State House:
Federalism and the Faith-Based Initiative

Date: Dec 08, 2005

Location: Atlanta Hyatt Regency
 265 Peachtree Street, N.E.
 Atlanta, GA

Conference Registration is free!

The Faith-Based and Community Initiative remains a high priority for the Bush Administration, and the White House has indicated it will do more to encourage states and localities to embrace similar efforts to expand government partnerships with religious groups in the delivery of social services. The status of this effort will be the centerpiece of the Roundtable's Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on December 8th.

The conference will begin with an update by top White House officials, followed by presentations by state and local leaders on how they are responding to the initiative. Other sessions will take up developments in constitutional and statutory law concerning relationships between church and state, efforts to redraw the boundaries of such partnerships in the state of Georgia, and a look at what state governments are doing across the country to partner with faith-based service providers.

The Roundtable's Annual Conference will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendance is free and includes a luncheon, but registration is required.

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